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Standalone Claude Design Sunsets Dec 14, 2026: Exact Export & Migration Order

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> **Critical Deadline Warning (25 Days Remaining as of Nov 19, 2026):** Standalone `claude.ai/design` shuts down on **December 14, 2026**. Anthropic's **Migrate** tool transfers **eligible custom design systems only** — **NOT** standalone projects, chats, comments, public links, or original copies. Clicking Migrate out of order can expose private client systems org-wide and leave project deliverables behind to be deleted.

1. What Transfers vs. What Gets Deleted on December 14, 2026

Asset / Surface	Dec 14 Outcome	Action Required Before Dec 14
Eligible custom design systems	Transfers via Migrate (cannot hand-edit UI page; edit via Claude chat)	Turn OFF Published toggle on private/client systems BEFORE migrating
Starter-theme & empty systems	Does NOT migrate (even edited starter themes stay behind)	Copy source brand tokens, fonts, and assets out manually
Standalone Projects (beyond 60)	Artifacts tab links only top 60 back to closing site; no auto-move	Inventory in standalone; export 1 .zip at a time (Project HTML)
Chats with Claude & comments	Explicitly DELETED after Dec 14 (not in .zip archive)	Copy chat text & screenshot every comment thread by hand
Originals in standalone	Wait on Dec 14 clock even after migration — then DELETED	Keep local exported .zip & manual design-system backup
Public project URLs	Will stop working permanently after Dec 14 closure	Replace external client review links before sunset

2. Mandatory Execution Order (Do Not Click Migrate First)

1. **Full inventory inside standalone `claude.ai/design`:** Do not rely on the Claude Artifacts list (shows up to 60 items linking back to standalone).
2. **Check Published toggles:** On Team/Enterprise plans, clicking Migrate shares every `Published` design system with the **entire organization's** design-system menu, and later migrations will not unpublish it. Turn Published **OFF** on confidential client systems first.
3. **Extract starter-theme & empty systems manually:** Any system created from a built-in starter theme (even edited) is silently skipped.
4. **Per-project `.zip` export:** No bulk download exists. Open each project -> `Share` -> `Project HTML` (for decks: under `More formats and apps`) -> keep `Project archive` selected -> `Export`. Free and exempt from usage caps; contains project files only (no chats/comments).
5. **Screenshot comments & copy chats manually:** Anthropic's own Enterprise custom retention periods do not save standalone chats/comments past the closure.
6. **Enterprise 3-switch gate & ZDR hard stop:** Admins must enable (a) **Artifacts**, (b) **Design systems** (`Org settings > Artifacts` — separate from Design/Slides), and (c) **custom-role Artifacts + design-system permissions**. **Zero Data Retention (ZDR)** orgs cannot turn on Artifacts and cannot use Migrate — manual `.zip` export is the sole path.
7. **Run Migrate once & verify new doors:** Post-migration design work runs via any chat (`Output > Design`), `Artifacts`, or Claude Code (`/design`, `/design-sync`), sharing the unified Claude usage pool.

3. Post-Migration Behavior & Enterprise Admin Verification

Check / Mechanism	Exact Rule Documented by Anthropic
Individual vs. Org Migrate	One team member clicking Migrate migrates all org systems; individual plans lack a confirmation prompt.
Re-running Migrate after edits	Edited systems inside Claude are Skipped ('changed on claude.ai, left as they are'); re-sync requires duplicate + delete + re-migrate.
Usage metering change	Separate weekly Claude Design allowance is gone; `/design` and `/design-sync` share your main Claude / Claude Code pool.
Known gaps post-migration	No version history in Claude Design yet; inline comments can fail to render on-page (workaround: paste feedback into chat).

Primary Support Sources: Migrate from standalone Claude Design to Claude (Article 17440474) · Get started with Claude Design (Article 14604416) · On-site successor guide: tygartmedia.com/claude-artifacts/.